

**ATTENTION U.S. EXPORTERS: DOES THE DEAL LOOK TOO EASY?
IF SO, STAY AWAY!**

The U.S. Commercial Service in Turkey reports a recent spate of similar cases that all add up to attempted fraud. If you recognize the scenario described below, please contact us: **We can help!**

In the cases referred to, a U.S. company is contacted by a "consultant" who reports an attractive export opportunity to Turkey. This raises the question of what law group in Turkey can assist with the bill of sale and legal formalities. The "consultant" just happens to know a highly recommended law firm in Istanbul; this firm will be able to do the necessary paperwork within several days. The "consultant" provides the bank account of the firm so that the U.S. exporter can pay the bill at once. Once the payment is made, the "consultant" fades from the scene.

USCS Istanbul has telephoned some of the Istanbul "law firms" in question and has determined that

1) They are not Turkish, 2) They are not registered with the Istanbul Chamber, and 3) They are probably not law firms.

For genuine exports, please stay away from the above.

Contact USCS Turkey instead!